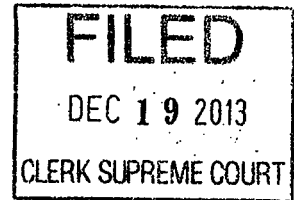


In the Supreme Court of Iowa



In the Matter of Chapter 17 of)	
the Iowa Court Rules and)	
Adoption of New Self-)	Order
Represented Litigant Forms)	
for Dissolutions of Marriage)	
with Children)	

The Iowa Supreme Court adopts the attached self-represented litigant forms for dissolutions of marriage with dependent children. Litigants may use these new forms (rule 17.200, forms 201-230) immediately. The forms are available at no cost on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

The court also amends Chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules, adopting new rules 17.1, 17.100, 17.200, and 17.300, effective immediately. The new rules are also attached to this order.

Implementation of electronic filing across the state necessitates that forms be fully compatible with the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) and with non-electronic filing. Rather than proceeding with two sets of forms (one for filing electronically and one for filing in paper), the new dissolution forms are designed for self-represented litigants filing with EDMS or filing in paper. Also, each new form is fillable and savable and includes instructions for litigants embedded in the form itself. The forms pattern the structure of the recently revised chapter 17 forms for dissolutions of marriage with no minor or dependent adult children.

The forms adopted in this order are substantively the same as the forms the court's Pro Se Family Law Advisory Committee developed and recommended. The court recognizes and appreciates the expertise, dedication, and diligence of this committee in drafting forms for self-represented litigants to use in dissolutions of marriage with children.

Accompanying the forms posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website is a *Guide to Representing Yourself in an Iowa Divorce Case with Children*. The Guide will not be included in Chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules, but it is indispensable for self-represented litigants navigating the Iowa divorce process and using the chapter 17 forms.

The chapter 17 forms for dissolutions of marriage with no minor or dependent adult children (101-128) and for modifying child support (FL—17.301 through 17.308) remain in effect. The forms for modifying child support will be made EDMS compliant and fillable and savable in the near future.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2013.

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By Mark S. Cady
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